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**DATE:** January 09, 2012  
**TO:** Enterprise Zone Interested Parties  
**FROM:** Cathy Creswell, Acting Director  
**SUBJECT:** Enterprise Zone Listening Sessions

The Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) will be holding informal listening sessions throughout the state to discuss improvements and modifications to the Enterprise Zone (EZ) program.

The Governor's January 2012 budget proposes to submit legislation to improve the operation of the Enterprise Zone program. HCD is concurrently pursuing a complimentary regulatory package. The Administration's goals for the EZ program are to increase transparency, accountability, cost effectiveness, and to more effectively stimulate job growth in California. HCD will solicit ideas and input to identify options for strengthening the effectiveness of the EZ program.

HCD is committed to having a transparent and open process prior to and throughout the rulemaking process. As a starting point for discussions, a list of potential EZ rulemaking topics includes:

1. Cleanup and streamline out-dated regulations
2. Update criteria for issuing vouchers, including limiting retroactive vouchers
3. Update auditing procedures and criteria
4. Modify processes for award designation and expansion requests

HCD hosted two prior listening sessions in December. We are announcing three new sessions in January:

**January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Sacramento**

Location: Auditorium, 400 R Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Los Angeles**

Location: Ronald Reagan State Building Auditorium  
300 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

**January 26th**

**Tulare**

Location: Heritage Complex  
4500 South Laspina St.  
Tulare, CA 93274  
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

**RSVP to Attend:**

To sign up to attend one of the listening sessions, please fill-out and submit the optional electronic RSVP form at: <http://bit.ly/EZListening>. If you have any questions please contact Colin Parent, Director for External Affairs, HCD, by email: [cparent@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:cparent@hcd.ca.gov) or phone: (916) 445-4775.